

REMARKS

This is a division of earlier application Serial No. 08/696,988 filed August 16, 1996 on which the issue fee has been paid. A new set of claims is presented for examination.

Claim 15 is directed to (a) the polypeptide in the originally filed claim 1 in which the chemically modifying agent is specified as a polyalkylene glycol derivative, and the groups to be modified are specified to be carboxyl, mercapto and guanidino groups. Claims 16-23 correspond to claims 18-20, 4-8 and 14, respectively, in which the chemically modifying agent is a polyalkylene glycol derivative.

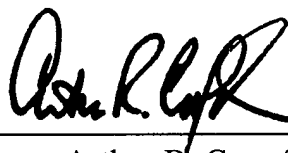
Also claim 24 is directed to a method of treatment using (a) the polypeptide in the originally filed claim 1, (b) the polypeptide in allowed claim 24, or (c) the polypeptide in new claim 23. Claims 25-33 correspond to claims 15-17 and claims 4-9 respectively.

Please examine these new claims taking into account the prior art of record in the parent application as listed in the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

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